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In re Patent Application of:

Baker

Serial No.: 10/712,904
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For: Exhaust Positioned At The
Downstream End Of A Glass Melting
Furnace

Group Art Unit: 1731

Examiner: Halpern

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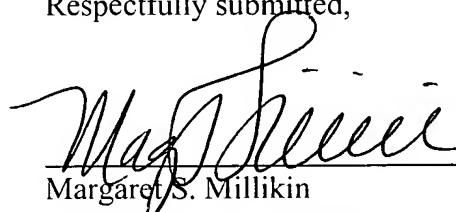
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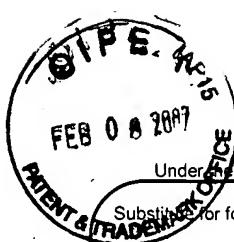
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